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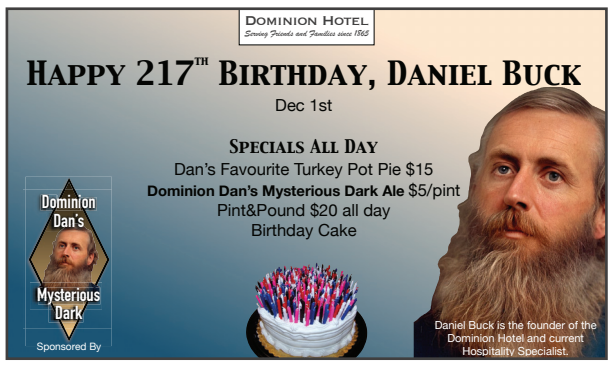
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Fashionably late

WHEN YOU think about the amount of hunter orange that is worn in Ontario during any given hunting season, I'm a bit surprised that the fashion industry hasn't tried to take a bigger bite out of the market.

Oh sure, they have created hunter orange toques, parkas, shirts, sweaters, baseball caps, bibs, pants, socks, and even gloves. That's basic clothing though. Anyone can do that. There's no artistry to it.

What I'm talking about is a line up of hunter orange après-hunt clothing that a fellow could use to good effect during those uneventful hunt camp evenings. I'm thinking about negligees, kimonos, skimpy underwear, thongs, feathered boas. You know – something that will distract and gain you the psychological edge at the nightly poker game.

STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

To be clear, I probably wouldn't wear this stuff myself at our hunt camp. Unless, of course, I was almost out of poker chips. Then, I'm going to do whatever it takes.

"Hold it!" you say. "We don't play cards at our camp!"

Well, clothing like this would be also quite useful if you are in a camp where everyone is vying for that one room with the single bed. Walk out in the middle of that discussion wearing a hunter orange thong and kimono and every hunter in the debate will immediately insist you take the room – and, if the thong is skimpy enough, rush to get your gear into it too.

Also, if a hunting story is going on for far too long, the captive audience will thank you profusely if you step into the main area and ask, "Give me an honest opinion. What do you guys think of my hunter orange mankini?"

Honestly, there is a lot of money to be made here.

I'd take advantage of it myself, but I am not very good at fashion design. I'm more of an idea man.

Having said that, I am fairly certain I have the exact body type a designer would require to sashay his/her autumn line up down the fashion runways of Sudbury, Kenora, Nakina, or even Temiskaming Shores.

I could just see myself strutting down a runway attired solely in hunter orange boxers that are being held up by nothing but golden suspenders and the fervent prayers of every member of the audience.

The announcer might say, "Here's Steve, looking fabulous as he drags that deer. He's worked up a sweat and is wearing nothing but his Gucci hunter orange boxers. Note the elastic waist that holds five centerfire rounds in most popular calibres plus a gutting knife! It's part of our Deer Camp Outhouse Collection! Now close your eyes, he's about to pirouette!"

Like I said, I'm an ideas man.

Frankly, I'm surprised that all those so-called fashion designers have not thought of this idea yet. Perhaps they have, but don't know how to make it authentic and commercially viable. Probably because they don't have a lot of hunt camp experience, like I do.

That's why I'm willing to consult, if the price is right and this whole potential supermodel career doesn't get in the way.

I've been working on a couple of prototypes already and I tried them out at bird camp earlier this fall. I think I got it right too.

I cleaned up on poker night and had the best room all to myself.

Setting our own views aside

I HAD A good conversation with someone this week that reminded me of an important truth for us all to remember. We cannot guess, or fake knowledge when it comes to understanding a person. In all ways, there is no short cut, understanding a person and honouring their uniqueness takes time and curiosity.

It requires a strong sense of putting our own views and personal preferences aside and just being in the space of getting to know another person's vantage point, experience, preferences, quirks and difficulties.

In our conversation we talked about the word relax. For this person that is a heavy word that carries with it hard memories of interactions and physical limitations about relaxation. She just simply does not like the word and it causes an emotional reaction when someone, for all the right reasons, tells her to relax. I have been thinking about this a lot, this is the kind of thing that you can only find out about a person through discussion and conversation.

TERESA JORDAN
Community Living Contemplations

The word relax in many ways is a completely neutral word that most of us would hear as a supportive reminder to take a deep breath, take a pause and recenter. Again, we cannot guess at what other people feel or like or experience. What does this look like in the everyday? We all mess this up sometimes, we don't know enough and say something unwelcome. That is bound to happen and then we all have to take responsibility to tell others if something they have said or done has caused some discomfort in us.

Once that is known, we all need to recommit adjusting what we say and do in order to not repeat the error. When we know something, we can do better. We all have a different web of experiences, difficulties, and memories, there is no gold standard. We can only find out how to bring out the best in each other by asking and watching what makes people uncomfortable and what causes others to light up.

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Forty years of fun: Pockets' legacy of laughter and artistry

ADAM FRISK
County Life Staff

Pockets shows her work to a child during ColourFest. /ADAM FRISK staff

For nearly four decades, the beloved entertainer known as Pockets the Clown and face painter has brightened the lives of thousands.

Pockets, who will celebrate her 40th anniversary as a professional entertainer in December 2026, continues a deep family tradition of bringing magic, balloon creations, and face painting to audiences across the Haliburton region after making the move from the Greater Toronto Area a few years ago, prompted by the global pandemic.

"As a professional clown, which is what I was when I lived in Brampton, I wasn't allowed in people's homes. For two years," she said in a recent telephone interview. "So my husband and I decided to retire up in this area.

Pockets and her husband chose the Haliburton area for its natural beauty and hiking opportunities.

"We're hikers. So we liked to hike in Algonquin Park and all the surrounding areas," the entertainer said. "So we decided this was the area that we wanted to come to."

Landing in Wilberforce, Pockets brought her celebrated artistry and family legacy to a new community, which allowed her to expand and create Pockets the Face Painter.

"Face painting is my passion, I love what I do," she explained. "Not that I didn't love being a clown, but to be in non-clown attire, I can be a little bit more creative. I just bring out a different personality than I am when I'm a clown.

"I'm still joyful and fun and all that stuff that I was in a clown costume, but it's a different character in my opinion. And I'm just a little bit more creative," Pockets said.

Pockets comes from a proud lineage of entertainers that began with her father, TwinkleToes, more than 50 years ago. Today, her eldest daughter, Pinky the Clown, also carries on the tradition. To preserve the fantasy for children, Pockets is known only by her professional name, a practice she adopted early on to ensure she's always seen as a "real clown."

"It's a clown thing that I learned years ago," she simply said.

Pockets is among the few entertainers who perform traditional white-faced clown style, a look she maintains in honour of her family. She is quick to differentiate her joyful, professional style from the modern horror movie trope. Something that proved difficult back in the day, thanks to movies like Stephen King's *It*.

"I had a lot of customers who requested I tone down my clown makeup, or didn't want to hire me because I was a clown," Pockets said. "I had a lot of phone calls that were threatening and very disturbing because people found out I was a clown.

"So it was a very challenging time," she said.

Pockets deploys a simple but effective technique when dealing with fearful or timid children and adults; she allows them space.

"I don't pay attention to them, but I keep my eye on them because eventually, by the end of the party, they will be my best friend," she said, often earning a hug goodbye.

The performer's craft has evolved over 40 years. Pockets now uses professional "split cakes" and a wide variety of tools, a major improvement over the six basic liquid colours and single brush she started with so many years ago. This allows her to create popular, intricate balloon figures, like the in-demand unicorn, and stunning face-paint designs.

While the weekend party volume isn't as high as the relentless three to four parties every Saturday and Sunday she managed in the Toronto area, Pockets is embracing semi-retirement.

"And that's okay by me," she said with a chuckle. "You know, pick and choose one party per Saturday, one party per Sunday, I'm good."

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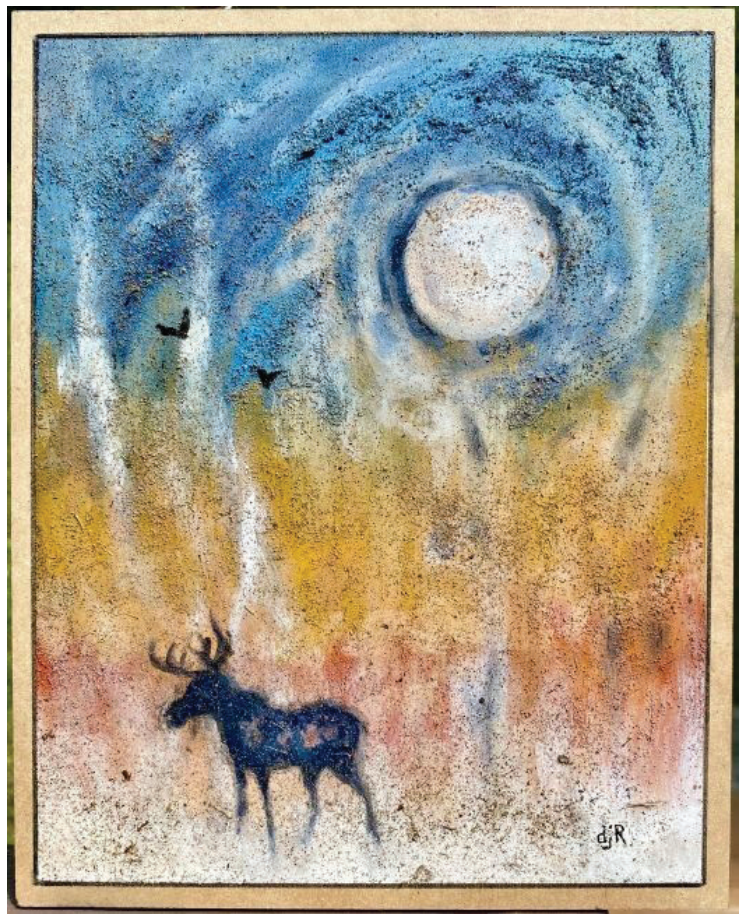

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Gone ghostly on the dark
Each needle-leaf will drop away
A north wind question mark
Has turned most reeds to feather spea
And coated them in frost
Though growing parts, still hopeful, wait
Their future's now embossed
With crystals from the Arctic flats
In stealth, they've niggled south
To swathe what once was autumn life
White death by gorgon-mouth
December's often merciful
But after it we hide
Since winter's heart is callous-hard
And hits a soul broadside
Creators starve for comforting
Seek poems, music, paint
Behind a colour-censorship
Is art, their patron saint

Blue Jays fever hits Lake WhaddayathinkImean

DEAR READER,

Why, wouldn't you know, Blue Jays fever has hit little old Lake WhaddayathinkImean right in the heart. Everyone is head over heels in love with our one and only Canadian baseball team – the Blue Jays, or the Jays as we call them.

And the funny thing is, ol' Maybelle hasn't been a big baseball fan until now. Why, watching the last two games leading up to the World Series (WS), and all five WS games so far, I am just gobsmacked with the outright skill, will, and comradery of our "playin' from the heart" team!

MAYBELLE'S
Fireside Stories

Watching the game on television – wow! Thrills! Chills! And shpilkies. You know what shpilkies is? It's when your stomach is in your throat. When you can't find relief because it's all on the edge. All still unknown. And you want the outcome so badly to favour your team, your country, and these players who give it their all.

And if I haven't been learning so much just watching the game, don'tcha know. Bogart my bear sits next to me with a Jays' cap, dwarfed on his big furry head. I love when they get a run and he jumps up and down, but it did crack two floorboards and cause a lamp to fall over. Never mind. It's been 32 years since the Jays won the World Series.

I never knew it is very much a "pitchers" game. And how knowledgeable the catcher must be about the competing team's hitters – their strengths, weaknesses. And how the communication between him and the pitcher is vital as each new batter comes up to the plate.

Why if ol' Maybelle didn't scream with excitement at the perfect pitching of the Jays' 22-year-old rookie, Trey Yesavage, in Game 5. Wowie, zowie. And when Addison Barger threw himself on the ground catching a fly ball just in the nick. And how about in Game 1 when he hit the first pinch-hit grand slam in World Series history, ending the game 11-4. Then there's Alejandro Kirk, who is also a great catcher, hits well and runs his short chubby body around the bases like a gazelle.

And when Vladimir (Vladdy) Guerrero Jr. comes to the plate, you know there's a good chance we may see a home run. George Springer is a peachy outfielder and super hitter. Poor guy was struck in the knee, the wrist, and chest by different balls flying at the speed of light, don'tcha know. Did you see that? Painful to watch! And how about the Jays' other great pitchers, Kevin Gausman and Max Scherzer?

I also learned by watching the game that a pitcher can intentionally walk a hitter, especially if the hitter has a history of home runs.

And I don't know about you, but I find myself yelling at the screen. "No, too high. Throw it lower." Or "What was that? What were you thinking?" But, most of the time it's, "Wow! and "Yes yes yes!!!"

Twindle was here for Game 1. Officer Stanley Penelope McBottom and Vilma Yuccch watched Game 2 with us. Sybil Beaucannon Hughes was here for Game 3. Games 4 and 5 it's been just me and Bogart. And tonight, they're all coming over to watch the game. If the Jays win tonight, it'll be all over. Let's see how it goes.

Well, the Dodgers won Game 6. What a wild and wacky ride. By the way, Twindle showed up with his face painted blue and white. Vilma wore a blue frizzy wig and her betrothed, Officer McB, was dressed as a penguin. Well, it was Halloween, but a PENGUIN? Sybil arrived wearing a black slinky cocktail dress. It was freezing outside, but in her (shall we say, "creative") mind, her heart-throb crush, Bluejay Addison Barger, might be able to see her through the television screen and … what? What, Sybil? What in the world were you thinking? First, that's impossible, and secondly, he's a happily married father of THREE! And c'mon, you're a crinkled apple doll like me! But there she was, all decked out. The only thing that was missing was a long-stemmed rose between her teeth. And Beanpole, good ol' Beanpole – he arrived wearing an old faded Blue Jays cap with a feather sticking out of it. He still doesn't know how it got there.

By the end of Game 6, we were all a mess. Totally exhausted from a roller coaster ride of thrills, shrills, and feelings of down in the dumpster. But what a game. Two terrific (to say the least) teams. Such strong pitchers. And, oh boy, the Dodgers' Yoshinobu Yamamoto is a human machine – six different types of pitches to throw knowing the vulnerabilities and strengths of each of the Blue Jays players!

So, tonight, it's Game 7 on Maple Leaf turf in Toronto. And, by the time you read this, we Canucks will either have gone crazy with excitement – cheering the Blue Jays coast to coast and out to the universe for winning the World Series, or initially, feeling heavy hearted, but still incredibly proud of them.

As far as ol' Maybelle is concerned, regardless of how it turns out, the Jays are already winners. They are one incredibly big hearted, super skilled team of players, whose spirit has lifted us all higher, who make us even prouder to be Canadian, and who inspire a keen sense of community.

Thank you, Blue Jays, for an over the moon season, and one heck of a great World Series!

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Imagine

"IMAGINATION IS more important than knowledge"

A quote I had hanging in my room from a very young age. My mom gave it to me; a small orange ceramic plaque with the phrase etched into it with a curled font.

EMILY STONEHOUSE
County Life Editor

I stared at that quote many times growing up. And the part that always stumped me was who said it.

Albert Einstein. Greatly celebrated as one of the smartest individuals to ever walk this earth; with a worldly foundation in knowledge.

But to him, imagination was more important.

And as a child, that seemed strange to me. Because imagination isn't real. It's just a thought, an idea, a vision. There's nothing tangible about imagination. It's not black and white, not a concrete item.

It's whimsical and fleeting. It's something that is nearly impossible to properly define, because everyone experiences it differently. It's magic and make-believe, dreams and schemes.

So why did the smartest person in the world label it with the utmost importance?

As I learned more about the famous quote, the pieces started to fall into place. Einstein was adamant that knowledge has limitations, whereas imagination knows no boundaries. He believed that imagination was the driving force for every great scientific discovery; you need to dream it to do it. A world of discovery formed from that first wisp of a thought.

As I look back on my childhood - an era before screens became the norm and the internet was something we needed to tap into local phone lines to connect to - I spent a great deal of time in my imagination.

Envisioning fresh frost as skating rinks for lady bugs, jewelweed blossoms as fairy fireworks, a gurgling pond would become a pixie palace.

The world was beautiful, and not because of what was right in front of me, but because of the world it could become with a sprinkling of imagination. Life through the lens of imagination was easier to see through than the black and white boldness of reality.

As we grow, our ability to tap into these magical worlds naturally fades. But those thoughts are still in there; the worlds we created, the visions we dreamed.

To my toddler son, everything is a game. Throwing pebbles into the lake may seem monotonous to adults, whose lives are dictated by Google calendars and timesheets. But to him, each tiny splash is a new discovery. An observation for how the water moves, for how the weight of the stone causes droplets to jump and disperse, for a direct cause and effect. It could keep him entertained for longer than any flashy tv show could. He's perfectly happy in the little world he's created, the imagination that surrounds each toss, each movement, each splash.

Seasonal times have a way of allowing us to tap back into that world of imagination, if we so choose. Halloween is a time for make believe, while Christmas is a season for magic and wonder.

As an adult, you often realize that the bulk of that magic and wonder came from your parents. We are now the makers of magic, and what an honour that is to be.

Because as our kids shift from stage to stage, while the brightness of imagination may be dimmed over the years, through it all, it will always be more important than knowledge.

A brighter world, with an undercurrent of magic.

Top 10 ways to induce a cat to climb down from a tree

WE'VE ALL seen the stereotypical image of a cat stranded high up in a tree. Our knee-jerk reaction is to leave it there – at least until your spouse or kids notice. After that, it is customary to call the local fire department.

But there are much better ways of handling this problem. Here are the top 10.

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

1. Aim laser pointer towards neighbour's trampoline.
2. Judicious use of chainsaw.
3. Place favourite upholstered chair below tree. Catch cat after it climbs down to yak on it.
4. Set up hammock beside tree. Try to take a nap.
5. Bring dog that is blissfully unaware of what is about to happen beneath tree.
6. Extend steel measuring tape to just below cat. Rattle it vigorously.
7. Launch helium balloon directly below cat. Wait for the pop.
8. Set up shelf at base of tree, with various fragile thing to knock off of it.
9. Ignore cat completely.
10. Call fire department, but only to ask to borrow high pressure hose.

November

Rivers of Rain streaming down from November Sky,
Flooding puddles of crumpled leaves, plastered on the side of the road,
the stench of rot drenching Air, as I listen to pebbles of Rain pelting the dome of my grey umbrella,
my boots stomping through puddles like when I was small, the world so tall, I hid from it sometimes,
welcoming rainy days when I gripped the plastic handle of my flower splattered umbrella, as if it were a hand,
and listened to fingers of Rain tapping on its roof as I marched my way back and forth on the
park path to school
and back Home, listening to Rain slap the leaves, growing silent as it melted into the bark of trees,
puddles pooling beneath my feet, as I pause at the side of the road,
the childhood memory springing up as unexpectedly as the lone daisy I spot,
drooping among a pile of shriveled leaves,
its sunny face and white petals, pummeled by Rain, how rare to see this resilient daisy,
refusing to wilt or wither,
rooted to the earth, enduring this torrent of November Rain,
the clusters of daisies that grew among the tall grasses that fringe the side of the road, long gone,
like the childhood friends that uprooted and moved away,
the daisy bracelets we used to make, and twine around each other's wrists,
wearing them 'till the daisies' faces shriveled and we lay them back onto the grass, for Rain to wash away,
for a long while I stand in a puddle at the side of the road, listening to Rain pelt the roof of my grey umbrella,
a shade lighter than morning Sky, peering up at the spokes of bare branches.
springing from the trunks of their trees, no leaves to cloak them anymore, only a straggler leaf, here and there,
their stems clinging to their branches, while their con-freres lie crumpled in puddles on the ground,
where a lone daisy still grows, stooping in the Rain, raindrops like glass beads, adorning its white petals,
like the bracelets that adorned our wrists, the childhood friends that uprooted and moved away,
when once we were as intertwined as the daisy chains we used to make,
I resist the urge to pluck the lone little daisy from the earth, to rescue it from the cold and Rain,
and carry it back with me, what purpose would there be in that,
to trap its sunny face and petals between the pages of a book, and look at it now and then,
no longer a flower, but the memory of a flower, that once grew and flourished,
nourished by Sun and Rain, seized before it was its time to wither, beneath the dome of November Sky,
here, in its Home, along the side of the road, among the yellowed grasses and puddles of crumpled leaves,
their faces pasted to the road, 'till only traces remain, erased like memories, by rivers of Rain.

Sylvie Kalenda

Trick or treat for all ages

Trick or treaters explored Extendicare in Haliburton as residents handed out candy to eager visitors on Halloween night. The indoor event was a welcome reprieve from the rainy and snowy evening. /TIM YANO staff photographer

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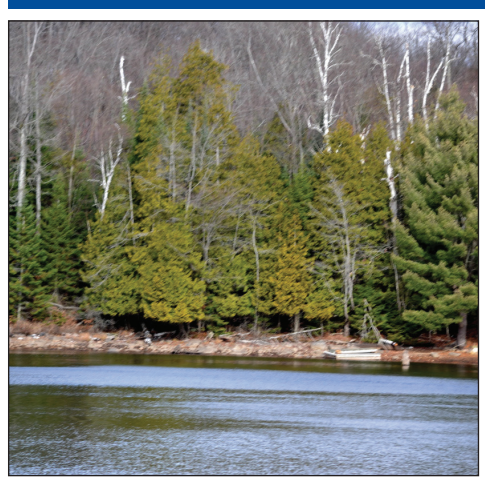

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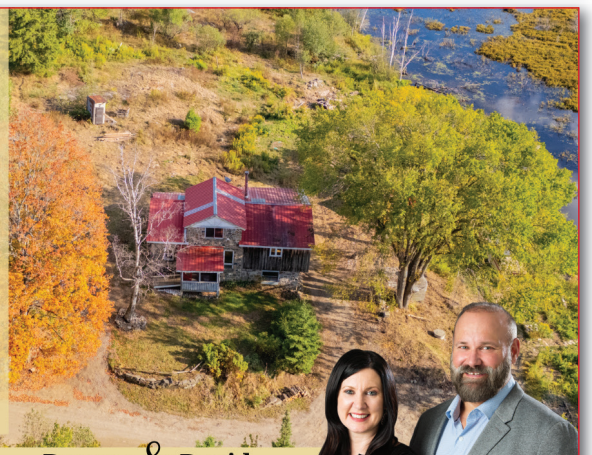

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Legion Events

Branch 441 Kinmount

Monday: Bid Euchre 1 p.m.
Tuesday: Closed
Wednesday: Mixed Darts, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday: Closed
Friday: Bingo- Doors open at 5 p.m., play at 6:45 p.m. Supper specials every Friday starting at 5 p.m. May purchase special and eat in club room downstairs. Clubroom opens at 4 p.m.
Saturday: Clubroom opens at 3 p.m. Meat draw at 5:30 p.m.
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Wednesdays: Bid Euchre 1 p.m. start – Main Hall. Bingo doors open at 6 p.m. Bingo 7 p.m. FirstWed of each month with jackpot. Follow Facebook.com/Branch129 Bingo for the most up-to-date information
Thursdays: General Meeting third Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m. All members urged to attend. Ladies Auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.
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Branch 636 Minden

Lunch - Monday to Friday
Monday: Rug Hookers every second week. Bid Euchre 1 to 3 p.m.
Tuesday: Food 5 p.m. Canoe FM Bingo 6 p.m.
Thursday: Cribbage 1 to 3 p.m., Darts 7 to 9 p.m. and Euchre 7 to 9 p.m.
Every other Friday: Karaoke 8 to 11 p.m.
Friday Fish & Chips, Wings. Lunch 11a.m. to 2 p.m. and Dinner 4 to 7 p.m.
Saturday All Day Breakfast 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with three Meat draws at 11 a.m.
Call ahead any day for take-out: 705-286-4541.
Schedules are subject to change without notice.
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Branch 624 Wilberforce

Hours - Sunday: Special Events Only, Monday: 7 to 10 p.m., Tuesday: Closed, Wednesday: 2 to 10 p.m., Thursday: 2 to 10 p.m., Friday: 2 to 11 p.m., Saturday: 2 to 9 p.m.
Sunday:
Nov. 16 Open House with Local Artist Luann Coghlan 1 to 4 p.m.
Monday: Nov. 17, 24 Darts $5/player 7 p.m.
Wednesday:
Nov. 12, 19, 26 Darts $5/player 2 p.m.
Quick Supper Menu changes weekly $10. 5 to 6:30 p.m.
Cribbage League 6:30 – Sign up at the Legion
Thursday:
Nov. 13, 20, 27 Cornhole $5/player 7 p.m.
Nov. 13, 27 HHHS Social Rec 10 a.m.
Friday:
Nov. 21 Wings and Jam Session $15/lb 5 to 8 p.m.
Nov. 14, 28 Community Care 55+ Lunch $17, 12 p.m.
Nov. 14, 28 Fish and Chips 1pc/$15, 2pc/$20
Saturday:
Nov. 15, 29 Open Mic. Free. 2 to 6 p.m.
Nov. 15 Fall Dance. Free. 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Nov. 29 Nacho Average Trivia 7 p.m. $5/Player
Call the Legion for more info 705-448-222

U-Links seeking bright ideas

It's that time of year again! Community Members of Haliburton County – U-Links, a leading organization facilitating community-based research collaborations, is inviting community groups in Haliburton County to submit their research project proposals for the upcoming winter/spring semester. This call aims to foster partnerships between community organizations and student researchers from Trent University and other post-secondary partners to address important issues impacting the social, cultural, environmental, and economic aspects of the county.

Since 1999, U-Links has been instrumental in connecting community organizations with talented student researchers, resulting in numerous successful research projects. By participating in this initiative, organizations gain access to valuable research insights that can inform decision-making processes, increase capacity and contribute to the betterment of Haliburton County.

No research background? No problem! Our staff are here to guide you through each step of the process. All you need is an idea or identified problem within Haliburton County, and we will assist you in developing a comprehensive project proposal and identifying the appropriate research questions. Whether your project relates to community development, health sciences, forensics, environmental sciences, or any other field, our dedicated professionals will provide the necessary support needed to bring your idea to life.

To give you an idea of the diverse projects we facilitate, here are a few examples of ongoing community-based research projects in the 2025-2026 academic year:

- Loon Artificial Nesting Platforms Study
- Development of a Hazardous Algal Bloom Reporting Framework
- Traditional Fireworks Alternatives Study
- Lake Association Benchmarking Study

In addition to research projects, U-Links also offers opportunities for community-service learning (CSL). This unique form of experiential education allows students and community members to collaborate on specific activities or events with tangible outcomes. One such example is the annual Haliburton-Muskoka-Kawartha Children's Water Festival, where Environmental Science students from Trent University and community members work together to organize and facilitate educational activity stations. Another example is a recent re-naturalization initiative for the Glamor Lake Cottagers Association where students from Trent University assisted with plantings to stabilize a sensitive shoreline after a hydro line clearing.

The deadline for contacting us to discuss your project ideas or topics is Nov. 24.

Join U-Links in making a difference in Haliburton County through community-based research. Together, we can create positive change and contribute to the sustainable growth, knowledge capital and informed decision making of our community.

For more information and to see examples of our previous and available research projects please visit www.ulinks.ca. Contact our Program Coordinator, Frank Figuli at coordinator@ulinks.ca or phone our office at 705-286-2411.

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When: Saturday, Nov. 15, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m..
Where: Haliburton Legion
More than 40 talented artists will be selling baking, woodcrafts, soaps, quilting, knitting, Christmas decorations and jewelry. Start your Christmas shopping and enjoy a lunch of soup, sandwiches and sweets in the Schofield Room. Admission by donation to our local 4C's.

Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library Christmas Book Sale
When: Sat., Nov. 15, 10 a.m.to 2 p.m.
Where: Minden Hills Branch, 176 Bobcaygeon Rd. Minden
Choose from a variety of gently read books: thrillers, mysteries, romance, biographies, children and youth selections, Canadian authors, fiction, science fiction/fantasy, sports, spiritual and other non-fiction books. Payment is by cash or cheque donation. All money raised by the Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library supports library enhancements and programmes for all libraries in the county.

Needle Felt Hands - On Workshop Mini Gingerbread Person
When: Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2 to 3 p.m.
Where: Minden Hills Library
Learn how to needle felt your very own mini gingerbread person. No experience needed, all materials and instructions provided. Program for seniors and adults. Registration required. Call 705-457-2241 or email programs@haliburtonlibrary.ca to register. This program is offered with support provided by the Government of Ontario.

Service Canada Representatives
When: Wednesday, Nov. 19, noon to 4 p.m.
Where: Dysart Branch Library, 78 Maple Ave., Haliburton Village
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Mr. Bean's Holiday Special Screening
When: Friday, Nov. 21, 1 to 3 p.m.
Where: Minden Hills Library
Spend your PA Day watching everyone's favourite bumbling Brit as he travels to the south of France. Popcorn will be provided. No registration required. Offered in partnership with the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. Movie is rated G. All ages welcome – children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

The Grinch Movie Screening
When: Saturday, Nov. 22, 10 a.m. to noon
Where: Dysart Library, Haliburton Village
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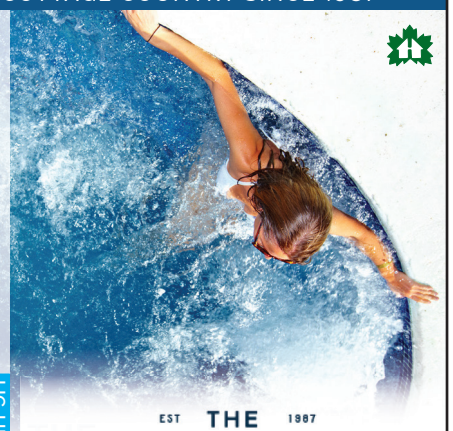
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Changes make Silver Beach proposal more palatable

GREG HOEKSTRA
Staff Reporter

As their very last order of business, on Monday Dysart councillors took a giant step towards making the Silver Beach Lifestyle Community a reality by rezoning the property from tourist commercial to suburban residential.

After facing a barrage of concerns during last week's public meeting, the municipality worked diligently with the developer to address the bulk of concerns from neighbouring residents, and last-minute changes to the proposal certainly reflect that, Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey told council.

"In particular, the most dramatic change is with the commercial areas, which were the most controversial and unacceptable to the adjoining property owners," said Fearrey. "The developer, in my opinion, was more gracious than most would have been and has pulled those commercial zonings altogether and allowed those to be used as part of the condominium concept."

Originally the plan had called for a total of 59 condominium units, with a section of land to be zoned for commercial uses. What seemed to irk residents, however, was that council was provided with only a list of potential uses (such as a bistro, spa, or massage therapy clinic), which meant council didn't know what specific uses it would be approving.

See **Developer** *page 2*

Dysart hopes to escape ballot blues

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

A decision to stick with Canada Post for next week's municipal elections may have saved Dysart et al from having to sing the spoiled ballot blues.

While some municipalities have had as many as 25 per cent of the ballots submitted improperly, Dysart's CAO isn't expecting the same problem in her municipality.

Tammy McKelvey says that although council seriously looked at hiring a company called Data Fix to handle the mail-in ballots, it decided to once again hire Canada Post to provide the service.

Canada Post's choice of envelopes might have unexpectedly made her job a lot easier.

When people receive their ballot kit by mail, they're supposed to fill out their ballot, seal it in the secrecy envelop and then sign a declaration saying they are who they are and have a

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Running for a win

BRYN WEESE/Echo

It took more than a decade to earn boasting rights, but the HHSS Red Hawks are in the running for the Central Ontario championships after Saturday's 7-1 victory over Peterborough's Adam Scott Secondary School. Kieran Gillooly, #96, had the honour of scoring the first point in the low-scoring match. It was a sweet victory since Adam Scott has stymied the Red Hawks' aspirations to advance for the past two seasons. Details on page 14 and 15.

Lack of town water not a hindrance: Fearrey

GREG HOEKSTRA
Staff Reporter

Would Canadian Tire be coming to Haliburton, and not Minden, if only we had a town water system? Or would Tim Hortons be looking to buy prime real estate on Highland Street?

For years some have argued that a town water system would open the doors to a development boom in Haliburton village, but long-standing reeve Murray Fearrey says that's simply not the case.

"It's absolute nonsense to think that there are businesses not coming here because there's no town water," Fearrey says. "To say that's why there's no Tim Hortons here or no Canadian Tire, there's just no truth to that whatsoever."

Despite the fact that most water in Haliburton is drawn from wells, Fearrey says that neither the quantity nor quality of the town's water has ever been considered a hindrance by potential developers. Since the village is part of a sewage system, and there is very little farmland in the area, Haliburton's water table has maintained a high level of quality without contamination. And there's more than enough of it to go around, says Fearrey.

"Volumes of water have never been an issue in Haliburton;

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